

**REMARKS**

The present Amendment amends claims 1 and 12 and leaves claims 2-11 and 13-16 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-16.

Claim 1 stands objected to due to Informalities noted by the Examiner in the Office Action. Amendments were made to claim 1 to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 12-15 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as their invention. Various amendments were made throughout claims 12-15 to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Specifically, amendments were made to claims 12-15 so as to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in the Office Action.

The Examiner's cooperation is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' Attorney by telephone should any further indefinite matters be discovered so that appropriate amendments may be made.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1-11 and 16 are allowed.

Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's indication in the Office Action that claims 12-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph and the objections set forth in the

Office Action. Amendments were made to claims 12-15 to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection. Therefore, claims 12-15 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.38907X00).

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